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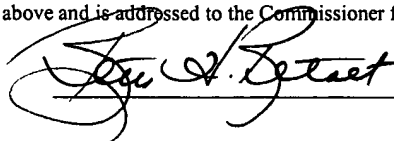
Dear Commissioner:

Applicants, in accordance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* (substitute for Form 1449A/PTO). A copy of each of the cited references is herewith enclosed.

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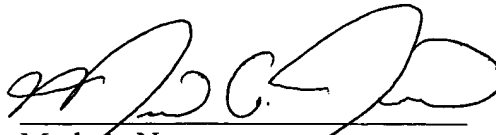
  
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Applicants note that although the cited references may be relevant to the examination of the above-referenced application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* "shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b)."

Applicants further note that the filing of this *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* is not an admission that the references cited herein constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102-103 with respect to the captioned application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants submit that no fee is necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* because an Office Action on the merits has not yet been mailed. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fees necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* to Account No. 11-1110.

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